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(57) Abstract: A compound of the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or in-vivo hydrolysable ester thereof: formula (I), wherein C is selected from D and E, formula (D), formula (E), R_{2a}, R_{6a}, and R_{3a} are independently selected from for example H, CF₃, Me and Et; R_{2b} and R_{6b} are independently selected from for example H, F, CF₃, Me and Et; R_{1b} is -X-Z wherein X is O or S and Z is a C-linked 5- or 6-membered heteroaryl ring; R₄ is for example an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic ring system. Methods for making compounds of the formula (I), compositions containing them and their use as antibacterial agents are also described.

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